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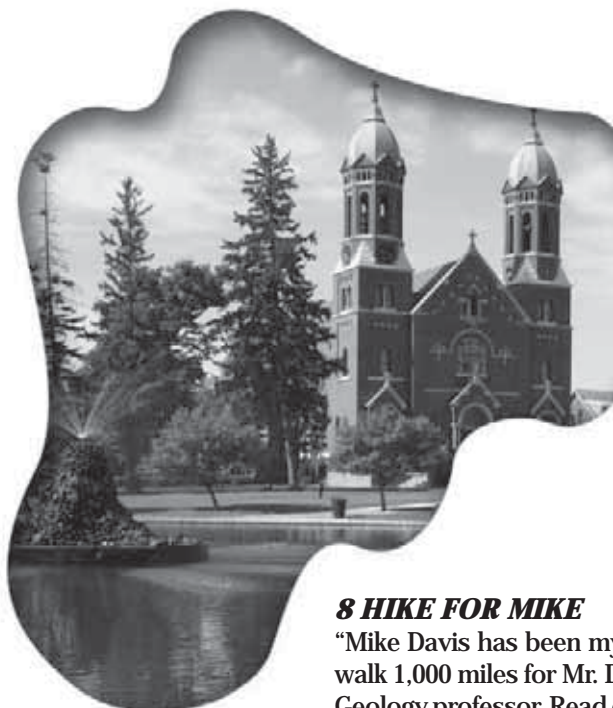
We must each  
decide ourselves  
how best to apply our  
talents.

LEE H. HAMILTON

# COMMENCEMENT

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In the following pages, you may notice that *Contact* has a different look than it's had in the past. We're pleased to be working with graphic designer Brandon Ray of Haywood Printing in Lafayette, Indiana. We hope the changes pique your interest and provide you with an example of how the College strives to improve its communication tools.

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## Saint Joseph's College is...

"....a primarily undergraduate Catholic college, founded and sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, [which] pledges itself to a tradition of excellence and to a liberal education that is a united endeavor of intelligence and faith."

— *excerpted from the College  
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From the Alumni  
Board President

# Best Foot Forward

A few years ago, the Pastor of our parish brought forth the idea of celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the parish. Some parishioners wondered what was so significant about a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Why, they reasoned, not wait until the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary to hold a much larger and grander celebration?

His response was that more than a few of our founding parishioners would not be here to witness the Golden Jubilee as many were advanced in years and some in poor health.

Little did he realize how true his words would ring as five years later, a massive heart attack would take him to his eternal reward.

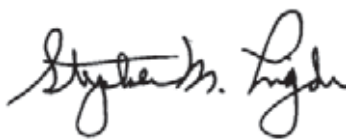
I recall his words each year at the College's annual Homecoming celebration. Perhaps it rings truer this year as I - and I hope a good number of my classmates - will celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation.

I suppose it's part of our culture and heritage to celebrate the usual 25- and 50-year milestones of important events such as weddings and graduations without making much fuss over the "in between" anniversaries. What's the big deal with a 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of anything? Maybe a family party, a nice card, a gift, and lots of hugs and warm wishes.

Would it be different if we could see the future and knew it might be our last? I really don't want to be morbid and look at the dark side of our missed opportunities, but nothing in life is forever and nothing is guaranteed.

If there is an anniversary, reunion, or gathering for you to meet with family, friends, or classmates, I heartily encourage you to take advantage of the occasion and attend. Don't let past hurts or hard feelings stand in the way of your "being there." Don't fret that you might walk a little more slowly or have gray hair... or a lot less hair. Time hasn't forgotten the others who will attend. In fact, you might be surprised at how spry you are as compared to some others.

Don't let those who do attend have to ask "whatever became of....." Be there to let them know what has become of you, and that you care.



**Stephen M. Ligda '62**

*Alumni Association Board President*



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# A Weekend of Awards and Recognition

The weekend of April 13th was a busy one for SJC's Alumni Association, as the group sponsored the President's Senior Dinner on Friday and the Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony the following evening.

On Friday, **Megan Haag '07, Michael LaFata '07, Mario Leggero '07, Angela Shaver '07, and Marcus Wagner '07** were recognized as the five award candidates, and Wagner was honored as Senior of the Year. He was awarded with a personal plaque, and his name was added to the perpetual Senior of the Year plaque listing located in the Halleck Student Center.

"It was quite an honor being named Senior of the Year, especially since there were four other worthy candidates," Wagner said. "I feel that being named Senior of the Year means that my peers believe that I am a leader of their class."

Wagner, who now holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, was a recipient of the four-year, full-ride Thomas J. Huhn Athletic Leadership Scholarship at SJC. He was also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Delta Epsilon Sigma national honor societies. In addition to his academic work, Wagner has enjoyed staying involved in many campus clubs and organizations, including Gallagher Charitable Society, Student Association, and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, as well as playing offensive lineman for the football team, working in the Office of Ad-

missions as a Student Ambassador, and serving as president of Volunteer Corps. He recently accepted a position at Dekalb Central United School Corporation teaching second grade.

Veteran student-athletes **Cornel Atkinson '72, Michael Bettinger '80, George Brun, Jr. '72, Russ Marcinek '63, and Kevin White '72** each had their own moment in the spotlight as they were inducted into the College's Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday night. The celebration began with dinner for the inductees, their families, and friends and ended with the presentation of awards. **Lou Offer '69** served as Master of Ceremonies, and several SJC alumni and administrators were present to share kind words and fond stories about those being honored. Originating in 1969, the Sports Hall of Fame aims to recognize athletic achievement during the recipient's time at the College, as well as athletic involvement and achievements beyond SJC.

"The Sports Hall of Fame allows Saint Joseph's College to honor alumni who have made, and continue to make, outstanding contributions to athletics," said Kendra Illingworth '93, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "This year's inductees have much to be proud of."

Visit the alumni Web site to view past recipients of these and other Alumni Association Awards. <http://alumni.saintjoe.edu>

President Ernest R. Mills III, Wagner, parents Rita and James Wagner



Brun, Atkinson, Marcinek, Bettinger, White



(back row) Leggero, LaFata, Wagner, (front row) Haag, Shaver

*Homecoming* is fast approaching, and we're going all out to make sure the weekend is a ringer.

Log on to *Connections* to start making plans, and your Homecoming Weekend will be *Off and Running*.



## Weekend Favorites

- Friday Open Golf Outing and Card Tournament
- 5K Run/Walk for the Youth Center
- Alumni Baseball Game
- Alumni Association Beer and Brat Tent
- Kids' Art Tent and Tie-Dye
- Puma Football vs. Kentucky Wesleyan University
- Drexel Hall Open House
- Comedian Pete Holmes
- "The Winner's Circle" Reunion Dinner
- Book Discussion

*Race to the Connections Homecoming link to view the weekend schedule, find a hotel, register for events, and see who plans to attend.*

<http://alumni.saintjoe.edu>

Visit often. Stay involved. Involved For Life.

# Puma '01 Profile

TODD  
ROBERTS

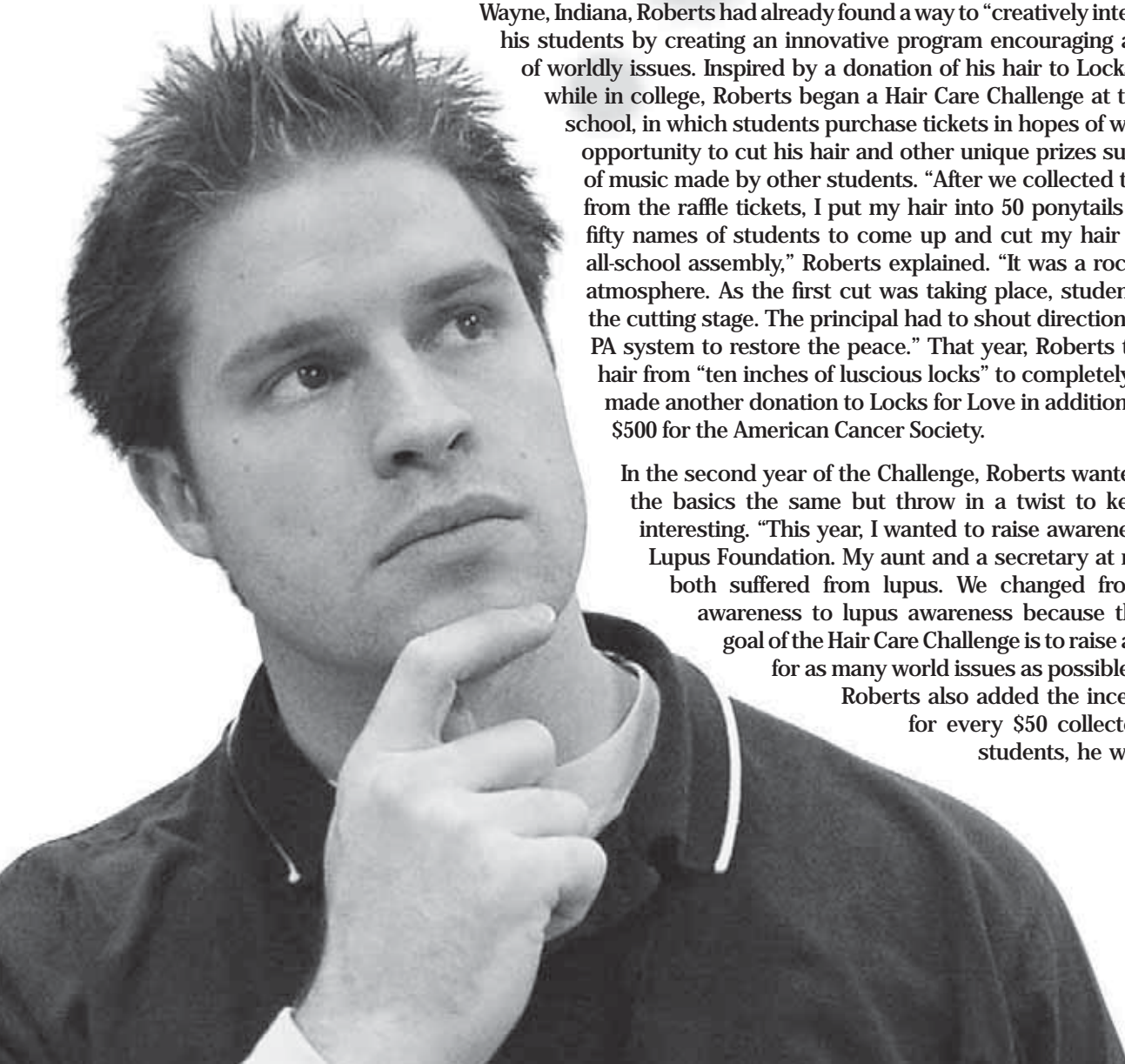
**Todd Roberts '01** attributes his recent honor as "Fort Wayne Community Schools' Teacher of the Year" to the "Puma higher limit" of education required during his formative years of study at Saint Joseph's College. Roberts began his higher education at SJC, graduating in 2001 with a double major in Mass Communication and Political Science. He returned and attained his transition to teaching license in 2003. Recently, Roberts was also named as a "Top Ten Finalist for Indiana Teacher of the Year," completing the competition as "Indiana Teacher of the Year First Runner-Up." Roberts felt particularly honored because he had only been teaching for three years.

"Roberts was a member of one of the best classes we have had in Political Science during my time at Saint Joseph's College," said Associate Professor of Political Science Peter Watkins. "He has a fine mind, so I was pleased when he returned to SJC to complete the transition to teaching program. In addition, Roberts has a winning personality, which I have no doubt allows him to creatively interact with his young charges."

In just his second year of teaching mass communication at Northwood Middle School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Roberts had already found a way to "creatively interact" with his students by creating an innovative program encouraging awareness of worldly issues. Inspired by a donation of his hair to Locks for Love while in college, Roberts began a Hair Care Challenge at the middle school, in which students purchase tickets in hopes of winning the opportunity to cut his hair and other unique prizes such as CDs of music made by other students. "After we collected the money from the raffle tickets, I put my hair into 50 ponytails and drew fifty names of students to come up and cut my hair during an all-school assembly," Roberts explained. "It was a rockstar-type atmosphere. As the first cut was taking place, students rushed the cutting stage. The principal had to shout directions over the PA system to restore the peace." That year, Roberts turned his hair from "ten inches of luscious locks" to completely bald and made another donation to Locks for Love in addition to raising \$500 for the American Cancer Society.

In the second year of the Challenge, Roberts wanted to keep the basics the same but throw in a twist to keep things interesting. "This year, I wanted to raise awareness for the Lupus Foundation. My aunt and a secretary at my school both suffered from lupus. We changed from cancer awareness to lupus awareness because the overall goal of the Hair Care Challenge is to raise awareness for as many world issues as possible," he said.

Roberts also added the incentive that for every \$50 collected by the students, he would keep





that year's hairstyle for an extra day. "We collected \$1,900 that year," he began, "and I had a Mohawk for 38 days."

Following the passing of his late aunt due to complications to lupus, Roberts renamed the program Aunt Elena's Hair Care Challenge in 2007. He stayed true to his commitment to select a different world issue as his focus, however, and was inspired when a student approached him with an idea to help out the people of the Darfur region of Sudan, Africa. "[The student] is originally from a country that borders Sudan and wanted to call attention to the current issues plaguing the region. We created songs, music videos, commercials, and posters to bring attention to the genocide going on in Sudan," Roberts said. He kept this year's hairstyle for an extra day with every \$150 the students collected, and he sported a mullet with racing stripes for 22 days – cut just in time for his brother's wedding. "In the end, we had our most successful Hair Care Challenge yet, collecting \$3,300 from Northwood. Two other schools joined us in this year's Challenge, raising the total to \$4,500 collected for the Darfur Schools Project. I'm quite sure my aunt Elena helped us out," he said.

Roberts looks forward to continuing Aunt Elena's Hair Care Challenge in the coming years, always searching for ways to instill creativity and social awareness in not only his students, but his peers, as well. He's already had one fellow teacher join him, also shaving his head the first year, receiving a reverse Mohawk the second year, and donning a ballerina costume in the third.

"While a solid foundation was laid for me in grade school and high school, I didn't become who I am today until my mind was expanded in college," he said. "I'm especially appreciative for the Socratic Dialogue method of teaching, and I truly believe that the Core Curriculum - the expansion of thought past 'This is how you do it' - has pushed me to new limits in my career as a mass communication teacher."

Roberts felt comfortable at SJC and knew it was the right school for him. He received an athletic scholarship to play football and participated in a gospel choir created by several teammates. Above all, Roberts will always be a "Puma for life."

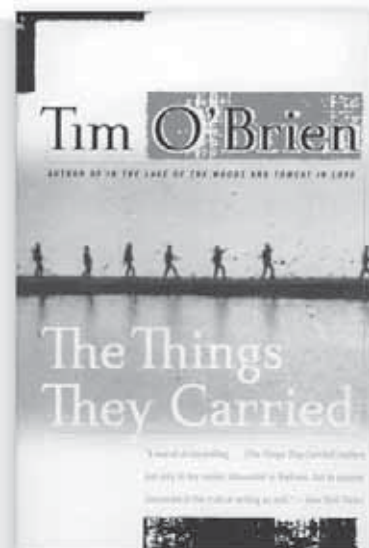
"The Core classes gave me a kind of edge over other people," Roberts continued. "Because of such a diverse range of knowledge, I am now able to adapt to different situations and communicate and relate to people better. I value Saint Joseph's College because of the aspect that you can talk to professors and they are people who actually care about you. People at bigger colleges fall through the cracks, take the wrong classes, and get misled because their advisors don't have the same relationship with them."

## Looking to make your Homecoming experience a little more cerebral?

Join alumni, parents, and friends in SJC's Homecoming Book Discussion on October 20, 2007, at 12:30 p.m. in the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center. Facilitator Heidi Rahe, Assistant Professor of Communication, will lead the live discussion of the Core I novel *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, read by freshmen during the first half of first semester.

In addition to the live discussion held during Homecoming weekend, a schedule for reading "assignments" will be posted on the *Connections* Web site. Rahe will post discussion topics every two weeks and facilitate an on-line discussion, as well. Readers are encouraged to post their thoughts and check the site periodically for updates and responses from Rahe.

Core I is a study of post-WWII America, emphasizing how one's character, values, and spirituality have been largely shaped by gender, race, class, and place. Set in the Vietnam War and cataloging the traumatic aftermath the soldiers endured throughout their following lifetimes, *The Things They Carried* is a myriad of different soldiers' perspectives of the war and, quite literally, the things they carried with them, both tangible and theoretical. Although O'Brien admits that not every tale in the novel is true, every story indeed speaks another truth that he learned in Vietnam. It is the blurred line between truth and reality – fact and fiction – that makes this book unforgettable, entertaining, and heartbreaking to all who read it.



# Hike for Mike

Alumnus to  
Walk 1,000 Miles  
for Professor Emeritus of Geology  
Michael Davis

"Mike Davis has been my hero since I met him. I would literally walk 1,000 miles for Mr. D."

These words resounded from **Michael Williams '72** in a pledge of support for **Margaret "Peggy" (Weatherhead) Guccione '69**, who sponsored a multi-purpose room located in the Robinson Memorial Library named in honor of Michael E. Davis, Professor Emeritus of Geology, who taught at Saint Joseph's College for nearly 50 years.

"When I reflect on my Saint Joseph's College education, I remember the small classes, the fellow students who studied the inner workings of the Earth with me, and most importantly – the faculty who took us into the field and made the classroom subject matter real," said Guccione, who is now a Professor of Geosciences at the University of Arkansas. "Thus, I would like to recognize a special professor, Mike Davis, who took that extra time with students to share his knowledge and passion for geology and encouraged us to continue beyond Saint Joseph's College and ultimately establish our careers."

After learning of the College's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campaign plans, Guccione decided to offer a \$50,000 pledge, to be paid over a five-year period, designated to renovate and outfit a multi-purpose room dedicated to her beloved professor.

"I was flabbergasted to say the least," said Davis, who now serves as a life member of the Board of Trustees. "It has brought a little tear to my eye. The former student that was very active in getting it started [Guccione] was one I'd had many years ago, and anytime you get a comment from a former student that has been quite successful, it's always very gratifying."

The ambitious project would entail new dropped ceiling panels, lighting, carpeting, air conditioning with separate heat controls, asbestos and radiator removal, painting and plastering repair, soundproofing, and the inclusion of an instructional podium, window treatments, desks and chairs, whiteboard installation, wireless upgrade for technology, and an LCD projector with projection screen. "This is a place where students will gather to collaborate, kibitz, and grow – just as we did years ago, but now in new, updated surroundings and using the latest technology," said Guccione.

Guccione's fond memories of SJC served as the foundation for a challenge to her SJC peers. Her gift will cover just half the cost of the renovation and furnishing, so Guccione chose to encourage others to put forward additional donations in honor of their former professor. "Professors like Mike Davis are rare occurrences in one's lifetime," said Guccione. "So, too, are Capital Campaigns at SJC. This is only the third in the 118-year history of the College."

Guccione's challenge inspired Williams, who graduated from SJC with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. "Mike Davis basically treated us like we were his [children]," said Williams. "He guided us, and I admire his honesty, his ethics, and his compassion.

He was one of those teachers that truly, honestly cared about his students. Once he took a whole group of geology majors down to Silver City, New Mexico, and we spent a month doing fieldwork. That stayed with me, and I still use the information and material I learned there during my career."

Williams, who currently resides in Vienna, Virginia, and teaches earth science at Broad Run High School, came up with an innovative plan to raise additional funds for the dedicated room. Rather than contributing monetarily, each summer for the next five years, Williams plans to hike 1,000 total miles on the Appalachian Trail after obtaining sponsors whose donations will go toward the Davis Classroom.

"I used to be a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Oklahoma, and one of my duties was to come up with innovative ways of raising funds. I was always looking for different ways to come up with money-making projects, and one of the best places to start is with something you're good at, so I settled on hiking," Williams said. "I'm hoping that other people will decide that this is one way they can contribute on a five-year basis while I'm out there putting one foot in front of the other."

Williams has already enlisted the sponsorship of several fellow SJC geology graduates, and all contributions to the Davis Classroom as part of the Library Project within the Capital Campaign are welcome.

Williams' trek will begin in mid-July at Skyland Campgrounds in the Shenandoah National Park and take approximately 20 days. The hike will cover 202 miles and end at Troutville, Virginia. Each summer, Williams will continue along a different part of the trail. He plans to hike south for the first three years, and then hike north toward Harper's Ferry for the fourth and fifth years. The trail itself runs for 2,165 miles, from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine, and is maintained by different hiking clubs in each area.

The terrain will be uneven as he plans to hike along the ridgeline of the Appalachian Mountains, journeying from 1,500 to 6,500 feet high on any given day. "It's a challenge for me because I've got to push it to be able to make this," he said. "It'll get done, but it's not a 'walk in the woods.'"

"I think it is a neat idea," said Guccione. "Not everybody can contribute large amounts of money, but you can contribute other things that have as much or more meaning."



Through the efforts of dedicated SJC alumni such as Guccione and Williams, Davis will be memorialized in a space that students will utilize for years to come. However, in spite of the accolades, the former professor would like to see the focus remain on the goals of the Capital Campaign and the Pumas that will benefit from the fundraising.

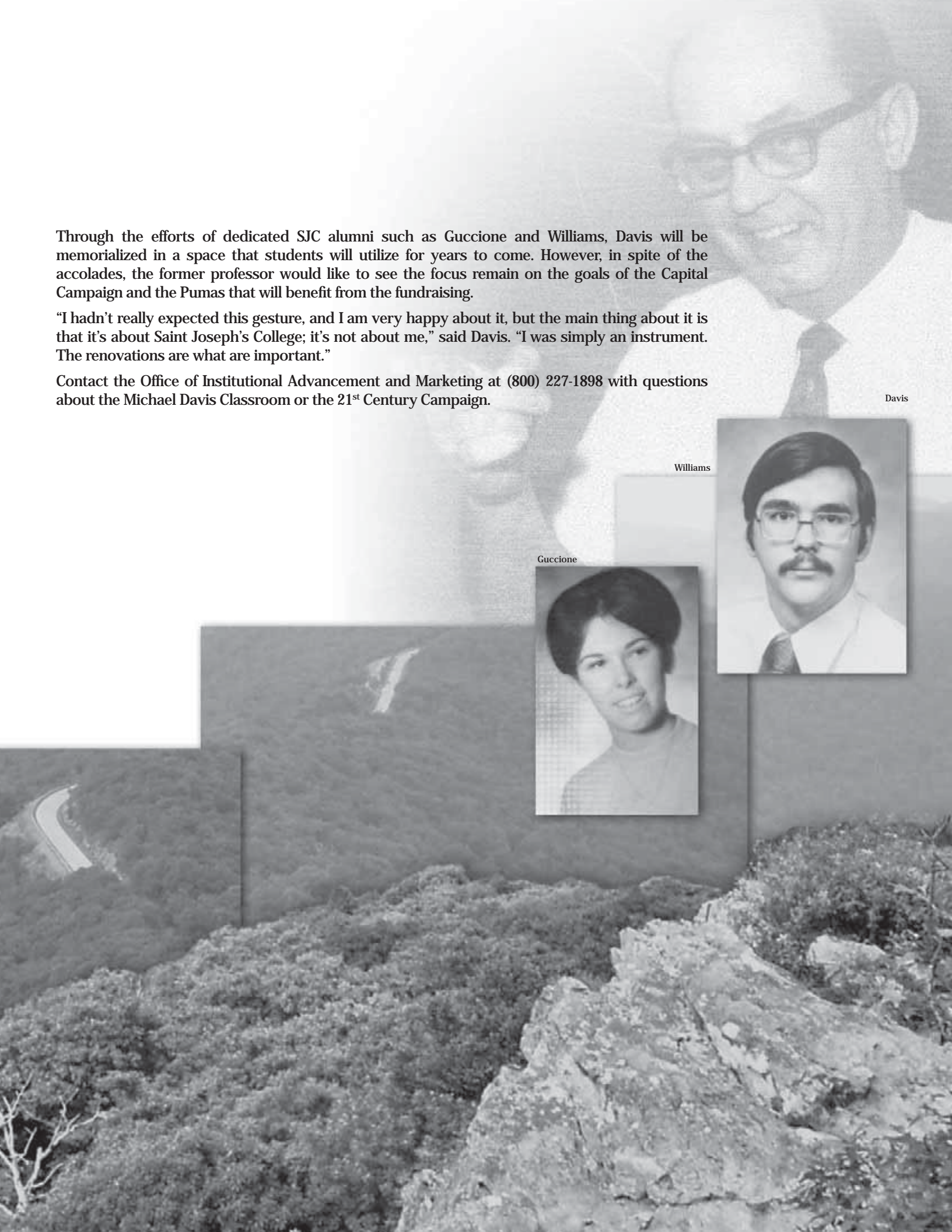
"I hadn't really expected this gesture, and I am very happy about it, but the main thing about it is that it's about Saint Joseph's College; it's not about me," said Davis. "I was simply an instrument. The renovations are what are important."

Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement and Marketing at (800) 227-1898 with questions about the Michael Davis Classroom or the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campaign.

Davis

Williams

Guccione



# Campus Ministry Gets to the Heart of the Mission at Saint Joseph's

Many challenges exist for young adults who make the choice to attend college. Students and their parents must often deal with difficult financial situations, choosing an area of study, leaving old friends and making new ones, and the eventual selection of the right institution. In the midst of all of this, often a young adult's faith life takes a back seat to other aspects of his or her life.

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Realizing that this dynamic is not beneficial to young adults or the Church, the US Bishops' Conference articulated six aspects of a healthy campus ministry program. These aspects are meant to guide the development of campus ministry programs at both public and private institutions of higher learning.

Campus Ministry at Saint Joseph's College has been developed over the years with these aspects in mind. "The primary goal of any campus ministry program is to help the young adult, in the midst of the Christian community, to grow in his or her relationship with Christ," said **Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S. '98**, SJC Chaplain.

As specified by the Bishops' Conference and quoted in the US Bishops' letter on Campus Ministry entitled *Empowered by the Spirit*, the six aspects of a healthy Campus Ministry program are as follows:

## **Forming the Faith Community**

*"In the ideal community of faith, the Mystery that rules over our lives is named and worshiped. Dedication to Christ is fostered, and openness to all truth, goodness, and beauty is maintained."*

At SJC, special liturgies (including Mass and reconciliation, benediction, and adoration services) are planned, prepared, and evaluated by students. The College also offers religious and spiritual growth opportunities such as Kairos retreats, Busy Student retreats, and camping retreats.

## **Appropriating the Faith**

*"Campus Ministry has the task of enabling Catholics to achieve a more adult appropriation of their faith so that they can live in greater communion with God and the Church, give more effective witness to the Gospel, and face the challenges to belief that exist in the academic world."*

Academic opportunities such as RCIA classes, Exploring Catholicism sessions, special guest speakers, and book discussions aid SJC in allowing students to view their changing faiths more maturely.

## **Forming the Christian Conscience**

*"Campus Ministry is called to bring the Gospel of Christ to bear on the moral problems faced by members of the academic community. When campus ministers address these questions, it is vital that they are perceived as being in touch with the texture and complexities of the moral problems generated by campus life."*

The College's renowned Core Program strives to develop a Christian conscience in all students, teaching the methods of Christian humanism. Exploring Catholicism sessions also inspire academic and moral discussions about Christian faith and beliefs around the world.

## **Educating for Justice**

*"Campus Ministry is called to be a consistent and vigorous advocate for justice, peace, and the reverence for all life. All the baptized should understand that 'action on behalf of justice is a significant criterion of the Church's fidelity to its missions. It is not optional, nor is it the work of only a few in the Church.'"*

Many volunteer and social justice opportunities are available at SJC to provide students the opportunity for spiritual growth by seeking justice and the common good for humanity. Organizations such as Respect Life, Puma Women Today, Volunteer Corps, and the annual Covenant House Candlelight Vigil for the homeless are all integral to the mission of the College.

## **Facilitating Personal Development**

*"Since there is a temptation to reduce self-fulfillment to a selfish individualism, campus ministry provides a valuable service by keeping alive the ideal of Christian humanism, which recognized that personal growth must be open to the transcendent and in service to the common good."*

Occasions such as Kairos retreats, Busy Student retreats, and camping retreats provide opportunities for individual and spiritual growth on or off campus, and leadership



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opportunities, workshops, and summer conferences allow students to utilize their newfound abilities.

## **Developing Leaders for the Future**

*"The development of leaders involves helping students to discern their vocations in life and to prepare for them."*

SJC employs a number of leadership development opportunities, including work with vocation discernment

groups, attendance at vocation retreats, marriage preparatory classes, and the Catholics on Call program.

For more information regarding Saint Joseph's College Campus Ministry, contact Kirch at [jkirch@saintjoe.edu](mailto:jkirch@saintjoe.edu).





## Commencement

# 2007: 167 Degrees of Difference

On May 5, 167 students walked across the stage at Saint Joseph's College's 112<sup>th</sup> annual Commencement ceremony and celebrated the day with Lee H. Hamilton, former Indiana Congressman and current Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center. The keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient, who currently serves on the Iraq Study Group, bade the class of 2007 to consider the importance of public service not only as a career path, but also as a valuable peace of mind to exercise within their own communities.

Hamilton, who served in the United States Congress for thirty-four years (with seven Presidents and eleven Secretaries of State) and has cast over 16,000 votes, reminded the Class of 2007 that they are blessed to have before them a vast array of opportunities, albeit matched by some uncertainties and doubts. To address those doubts, Hamilton referenced the importance of civilly-minded activities. "You may not have grand schemes of social change, but I suspect every one of you wants to help people, wants your life to make a difference, wants it to count for something. To do that, you have to get off the sidelines and into the arena," he said, and pointed out that many of us are already engaged in public service through our volunteer endeavors and everyday good deeds. "Our days are for something more than making money or having a good time – although there's nothing wrong with either of those activities. I believe that we have obligations that extend beyond ourselves."

Several other individuals also addressed the graduating class, including SJC President Dr. Ernest R. Mills III, Provost Dr. David Chattin, Co-Valedictorians **Amy Genova '07** and **Joe Larson '07**, and Senior Class President **Angela Shaver '07**.

Genova's parting words to the Class of 2007 carried similar service ideals that Hamilton also referenced. "Today is not just about you. Remember all the people who have made you who you are today, and know that you will have a renowned impact on someone's life," she said, and reminded her classmates, "Your duties to strive for greatness don't end at college. Go out into the world and share yourself."

Prior to Commencement, a Baccalaureate Mass was held for seniors and their families the previous Friday in the Saint Joseph's Chapel. At this time, **Michelle Cimaroli '07** was presented with the Saint Joseph the Educator Award, given to a student viewed as a model of Christian life by living in service to others. Three professors were also honored: the Religio Award, given to a faculty member who embodies Catholic and Christian humanistic values, was presented to **Ary Nelson '02**, Campus Minister. The Moralitas Award, which recognizes high moral character in all personal and professional aspects of life, was granted to Assistant Professor of English Maia Kingman, and the Scientia Award, given to a professor with a reputation for passing on knowledge in an exemplary fashion, was given to Jennifer Coy, Assistant Professor of Physics.

(back row) **Brian McLeish '07**, **Bradley Habel '07**, **Heather Shelton '07**, Associate Professor of Mathematics Roger Olsen, **Christina McConnell '07**, **Michelle Cimaroli '07**, Associate Professor of Mathematics Rev. **Phil Gilbert, C.P.P.S. '52**. (front row) **Jordan Henley '07**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics Marge McIlwain, Professor of Mathematics Karen Donnelly.



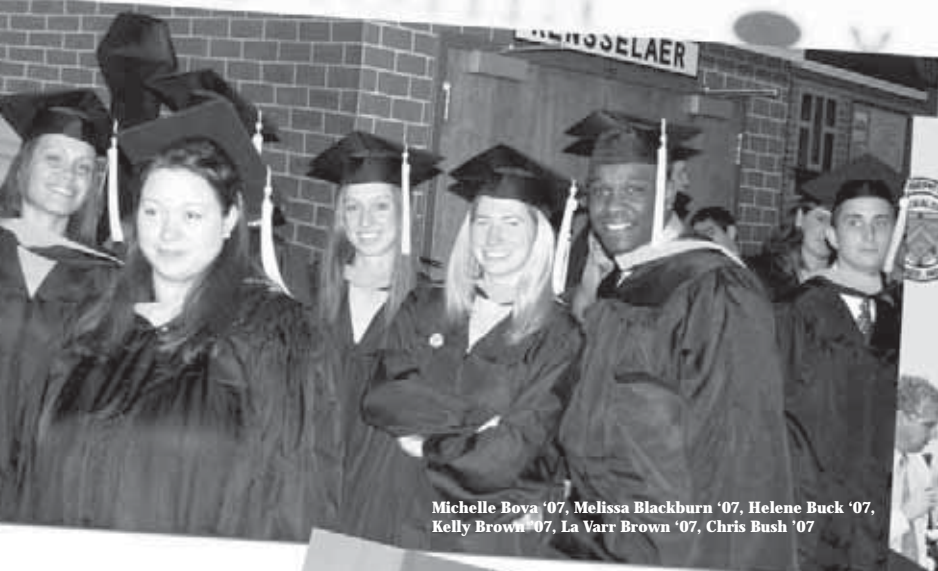
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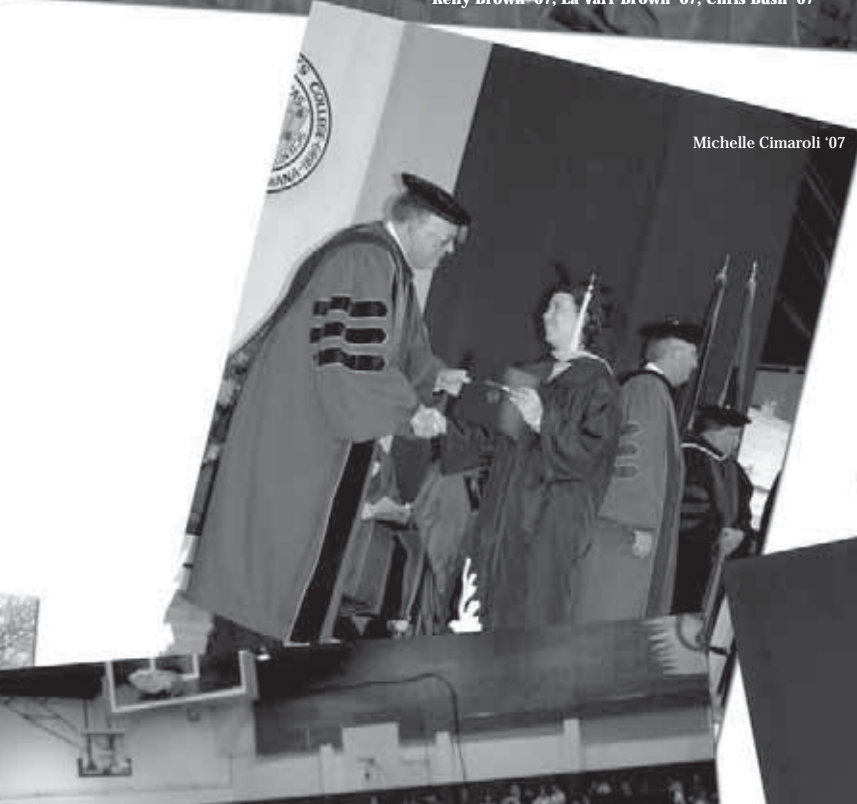
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 Kelly Brown '07, La Varr Brown '07, Chris Bush '07



Hamilton



Michelle Cimaroli '07



Angela Shaver '07

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# Movin' OnUp

**Greg Boo** - PriceWaterhouseCoopers - Los Angeles, California - *Assurance Team*

Michelle Bova - Peace Corps in Armenia - Environmental Education Volunteer

Bridget Callahan - Law Offices of Richard Pullano in Chicago, IL - Legal Secretary

Michelle Cimaroli - Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore, Maryland - Academic Coach

Matthew Comparato - Vieste, LLC in Indianapolis, Indiana - Project Controls Manager

Holly Estill - Midwest Center For Youth And Families in Kouts, Indiana - Behavioral Health Worker

Breanne Evans - Wellness Division of Principal Financial Group in Indianapolis, Indiana - Health Screen Specialist

Missy Garcia - Wabash Valley Hospital Outpatient in Rensselaer, Indiana - School-Based Case Manager

Megan Girton - Sisters of Saint Francis Health Services in Hammond, Indiana - Report Development Writer

Shelly Hammons - Greenwood Community High School in Greenwood, Indiana - Biology Teacher

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Adam Joseph Deno - University of Richmond Law School in Virginia - Juris Doctorate

Briana Franz - Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana - Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe); PULSe Assistantship, PULSe Excellence Graduate Scholarship

Michael LaFata - Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan - Master in Public Administration

Krissy Laurie - Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana - Master of Science with Thesis in Ecology; fully-funded by awarded Teaching Assistantship

Emily Lyons - Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, Indiana - Juris Doctorate

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# History of the College: Looking Back at Saint Joseph's College

## 110 YEARS AGO



The Raleigh Smoking Club was organized in 1897. The earlier catalogs had forbidden the use of tobacco outright, but the 1896-97 Catalog changed the rule to read, "The use of tobacco is prohibited. Students, however, who furnish a written request from their parents or guardians that permission to use tobacco be granted, will be allowed to smoke at certain times and under certain restrictions. Cigarettes and chewing tobacco are absolutely prohibited." In the course of time smoking was limited to those eighteen years of age and to Raleigh Hall and the Raleigh Grove. Smoking of cigarettes, of course, went on surreptitiously, and under-age smokers were known as "junior halers." It would be the middle of the 1930s before cigarettes would be allowed. Here are several club members from 1947.

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### YEARS AGO

The early months of January, 1942, saw sixty members of the Commerce Club journey to St. Francis College of Joliet, Illinois, a Catholic women's college, to be the guests of the ladies at a dinner dance. This was the beginning of a relationship which was to play an important part in the social life of the College through dances called mixers. These would continue not only with St. Francis, but with a number of other women's colleges for more than twenty-five years until Saint Joseph's became co-educational. Weekend mixers were frequently held at SJC, as well, when "girls' schools brightened our campus." Here they are dancing in Raleigh Hall in 1955.



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### YEARS AGO

In the fall of 1977, approval was given for the project of painting twelve murals, depicting the history of the College, around the outer wall of the Halleck Student Center Ballroom. Mildred Tait, trustee and chairperson of the Women's Activities Committee, saw the murals as part of a general program for the beautification of the campus. Professional artist Nancy Lynch was engaged to do the painting and she worked closely with Rev. Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S. '46, College archivist and historian, who would later compose a plaque for each mural giving the history portrayed by the picture. Some students also helped the artist in her work, which would turn out to be a two-year project. When finished, the truly monumental work was well received and admired by students, alumni, and visitors.



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# Faculty Notes

Dixon

Dr. David E. Dixon, Associate Professor of Political Science, participated in the Midwest Regional Workshop on Latin America at the Kellogg Institute at University of Notre Dame in May. The workshop was an opportunity to read and comment on early drafts of works-in-progress by faculty and grad students at Northwestern University, University of Illinois, and the University of Notre Dame. Additionally, Dixon recently signed a book contract with University Press of Mississippi for a project entitled *Women and the Civil Rights Movement: A Rhetorical Archive, 1954-65*. A follow-up to last year's *Rhetoric, Religion, and the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1965*, this will mark Dixon's second collaboration with Davis Houck, Associate Professor of Communication at Florida State University.



Dr. Paul Geraci, Assistant Professor of Music, recently gave a faculty composition concert to the SJC and Rensselaer communities. The program consisted of nine original songs, many of which were brand new and had their world premieres at the College. Several SJC students, faculty, and staff members participated in the program, including Geraci, junior Elementary Education major Lisa Goldrick, junior Music major Paige Popravak, junior Music major Renee Rybolt, sophomore Music major Sarah Wright, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing Maureen Egan '90, Professor of Music Todd Samra, and visiting musicians Konstantin Jakimow playing violoncello and Jared Smith singing tenor.

Dr. Jody Taylor Watkins, Assistant Librarian and Assistant Professor, recently earned her doctoral degree in Anthropology at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.



Watkins

Congratulations to John Rahe, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts, for his receipt of the Teaching Excellence Award, and to Judy Kanne, Assistant Professor of Education, and Walter Scherb, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Management, on their Lifetime Achievement Awards in honor of their retirements, all presented at this year's Commencement ceremony.



Geraci



# SJC Assistant Professor of Social Work

## Journeys to Oxford, England

As she walked in the footsteps of world-changing individuals such as Edmond Halley, John Wesley, John Wycliffe, and Tony Blaire during an academic conference in Oxford, England, Assistant Professor of Social Work Toni Halgas made lasting connections with faculty members from around the world as the group came together to discuss current topics of diversity.

Halgas journeyed in April to Lincoln College to attend the five-day Oxford Roundtable, established in the 1980s by a professor from the University of Illinois. The program, by invitation only, provides college professors with the opportunity to gather together in a non-threatening discussion forum about different topics.

Halgas' conference discussion was based on "Diversity in Culture." Fifty-five professors attended, including those of African, Chilean, Malaysian, and Native American heritage, among others. The professors' disciplines were as varied as their homelands. They included educators from the fields of history, law, political science, psychology, and social work.

Halgas led a discussion on one of the presented papers dealing with the effect of diversity in today's media. Many professors presented papers that acted as launching points for discussion, including topics of gender diversity in education; the effect of corporations on culture in Malaysia, India, and China; and the roots of diversity acceptance in the United States.

"In our culture in the United States, we blame Christopher Columbus for many ills," said Halgas. "But what he did is nothing compared to what Dell and Microsoft are doing in Malaysia, for example."

Halgas was greatly impacted by two distinct presentations. One was entitled "Jim Crow Law on Steroids," which dealt with enduring racism and gender bias. She was also affected by the presentation of a paper that determined that there cannot be racial integration without reconciliation, concluding that until both sides accept responsibility for their actions, a segregated society will continue to exist.

The discussion group plans to continue sharing their thoughts about the issue of diversity through e-mail and a blog. Halgas looks forward to enhancing her SJC diversity classes with what she's learned. "The ongoing discussion is about how we bring a meaningful understanding of cultural diversity back to the students on the campuses we're from," said Halgas. "We have a real desire to bring this home. The more change is affected in us as purveyors of change, the more sensitive and understanding we are."

"The trip was such a blessing, and I'm so grateful," continued Halgas, whose excursion was sponsored by SJC. "Saint Joseph's College has a commitment to their professors' personal and professional growth. It was an opportunity to interact with other social work professors and people who teach similar classes to me."

This was not the first time Halgas had journeyed abroad, but she still felt overwhelmed by the prevalent literary, scientific, political, and religious history of Oxford. In addition to an academic concentration, Halgas also had the opportunity to visit several important British landmarks. She received a tour of Oxford; participated in an "Inklings" sightseeing expedition to visit the favorite pub haunts of the likes of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien; and visited Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Winston Churchill.

"There's no way to describe Oxford other than you just have to go and see," said Halgas. "This conference was refreshing and got me personally motivated to be doing some more writing and research in social work. It really encouraged me to push forward professionally."





# SJC Announces Presidential Scholars for 2007-08 Academic Year

Saint Joseph's College is proud to announce that the Presidential Scholarships for the Class of 2011 have been awarded to Ishan Gohil, from Kokomo, Indiana; Bridget McDermott, from Chicago, Illinois; and Leigh Sattler, from Holland, Indiana.

The Presidential Scholarship, a four-year, full tuition scholarship, is SJC's most prestigious financial award. Entering freshmen who have demonstrated academic excellence must undergo an application and interview process, and a limited number of recipients are chosen by a faculty committee. A minimum grade point average of 3.25/4.00 must be maintained for the scholarship to be renewed each year.

Gohil, a graduate of Taylor High School, plans to major in Biology-Chemistry and Pre-Med at SJC. The valedictorian of his graduating class, he is involved in varsity tennis, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and student council, among many other organizations. He is the son of Pratap and Nirmala Gohil of Kokomo, Indiana, and joins his sister Anisha – a Presidential Scholar for the class of 2010 – at SJC.

The daughter of Jennie and Joseph McDermott, Bridget McDermott is a graduate of William H. Taft High School and the valedictorian of her graduating class. Hailing from Chicago, Illinois, she plans on majoring in Elementary Education at SJC. McDermott is involved in Spanish club and serves as a math tutor while volunteering throughout her community.

Sattler, a graduate of Southridge High School, plans to major in Biology-Chemistry and Pre-Med at SJC. The valedictorian of her graduating class, Sattler is involved in National Honor Society, color guard, Spanish club, and musicals. She is the daughter of Ray and Donna Sattler of Holland, Indiana.



## Fast Facts

To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, students must meet two of the following three minimum academic requirements:

- SAT I 1100+ or ACT 24+
- Top 15% of class
- Adjusted GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale

In order to be considered for a Presidential Scholarship, students are required to complete the following:

- admittance to the College as a new full-time, degree-seeking student
- complete the Presidential Scholarship application
- submit two letters of recommendation:
  - 1) from a high school faculty member who can address the student's academic experience
  - 2) from someone who can address the student's leadership skills
- complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit by March 1 (annually)

# Pension Protection Act Benefits SJC

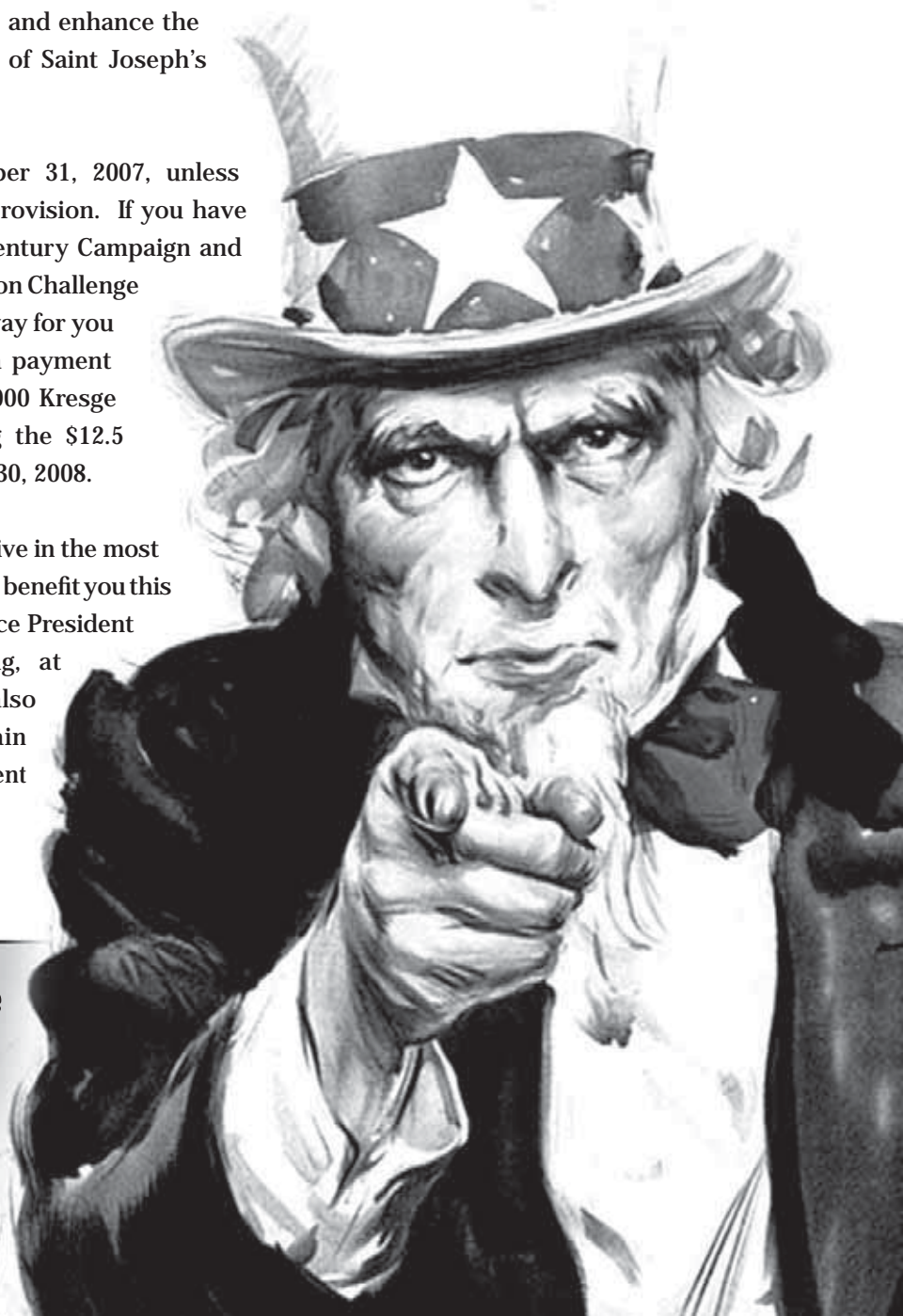
This year we have an unusual opportunity to express support for the work of Saint Joseph's College. Congress has, just as it did once before in 2006, given individuals over 70 ½ who have invested in IRAs or other qualified retirement plans (such as 401(k)s, 403(b)s, or SEPs), the ability to make a tax-free gift directly from those plans. Many SJC alumni took advantage of this opening last year, and a number have already signaled their intent to repeat their IRA transfer gifts again before the end of 2007, when the opportunity expires.

Those friends of Saint Joseph's College who make a gift from an IRA also receive unique tax advantages. As you know, at age 70 ½ you must begin to take distributions out of any IRA; a gift to SJC from your IRA this year will count as part of your minimum required distribution. Transferring that distribution to SJC means that you do not have to pay taxes on it. Making a gift from your IRA, thus, can reduce your taxes and enhance the educational experience of another generation of Saint Joseph's College students.

Act now – this opportunity expires December 31, 2007, unless Congress renews the Pension Protection Act provision. If you have read the good news about the College's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campaign and the awarding of the prestigious Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant, this rollover provision might be a great way for you to join in support of the Campaign or make a payment on your existing pledge. Receipt of the \$750,000 Kresge Challenge Grant is contingent upon reaching the \$12.5 million Campaign goal in gifts/pledges by June 30, 2008.

You can support the College you love and help give in the most tax-savvy way. To learn how an IRA transfer might benefit you this year, please call or e-mail Maureen Egan '90, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing, at (800) 227-1898 or mo@saintjoe.edu. You may also request the instructional sheet: Steps to obtain a tax-free rollover from an Individual Retirement Account to benefit Saint Joseph's College.

**If you are over the age  
of 70, Uncle Sam has  
a deal for you!**





# Trustees'

## Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction Raises Over \$100,000

One of the College's most anticipated yearly events is the Trustees' Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction, giving Pumas a chance to dress to the 9s and spend a first-class evening in downtown Chicago, Illinois. The focus of the scholarship celebration is to highlight the accomplishments of students who have attended SJC thanks to donor generosity and to honor a select few who have been unwavering in their support to the College.

273 trustees, alumni, students, and friends enjoyed a delightful evening of visiting, dining, bidding, and dancing in the ballroom at the Marriott Hotel on Chicago's Magnificent Mile. This year, the event raised over \$100,000. Guests put pen to paper to bid on jewelry, sports tickets, original art created by SJC students and faculty, family keepsakes, travel trips, and other unique items. In addition to raising scholarship funds for future and current students, the dinner also honored the Class of 2007 Valedictorians Amy Genova and Joe Larson, as well as couples Kenneth '62 and Margaret Ahler '82 and John and Anne-Marie Egan.

Join us for the festivities next year on Friday, May 9, 2008, at the Radisson Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana.



Ahler  
Evan Counts '10 and Lindy Offer



Tracy and Derek Dabrowiak '01, Clark Teuscher '00, and Mike Vallone '60



Kara (Costa) Meyer '93, Kelli (Costa) Lucito '90, Kris Costa Sakelarlis '82



Kristi Slaby, Jane Freiburger, John Freiburger '87, Frank Slaby



# Mary Quasney

named to

## Great Lakes

## Valley Conference *Hall of Fame*

The Great Lakes Valley Conference has announced that former Saint Joseph's College tennis player Mary Quasney '95 was recently one of six inductees to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Hall of Fame for 2007. This year's induction class, the largest since the GLVC instituted the Hall of Fame in 2002, boasts one of the league's top women's basketball players, the nation's top free throw shooter in men's basketball, the first women's tennis and first baseball inductees, a four-time cross country champion, and one of the league's most successful softball players.

Alongside Quasney, also inducted in late May were Stephanie Clemons of Bellarmine University (women's basketball), Paul Cluxton of Northern Kentucky University (men's basketball), Jim Nolan of the University of Southern Indiana (men's cross country), Josh Rabe of Quincy University (baseball), and Bill Stegemoller of the University of Southern Indiana (men's cross country coach).

Quasney, the GLVC's first women's tennis inductee to the Hall of Fame, is the third SJC representative to the Hall, joining the late Richard F. Scharf '38, who was a charter inductee as an administrator in 2002, and Jeannette Yeoman '90, who was inducted for women's basketball in 2004.

A two-time participant in the NCAA Division II national championships and a three-time Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-American, Quasney led SJC to three GLVC championships in women's tennis in her four-year career. She was a four-time GLVC Most Valuable Player and GLVC Champion at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles and posted a perfect 32-0 record in GLVC play in both singles and doubles, as well as having reached 69-1 overall in singles and 67-3 in doubles.



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*1950s Glee Club*



# Saint Joseph's College Welcomes Over 100 New Fellows for 2007

"A Fellow of Saint Joseph's College sees beyond the horizon of (his) everyday occupation or profession."

— Rev. Raphael Gross, C.P.P.S., founder of the Fellows Program, 1962

The annual Fellows Dinner, Mass of Commemoration, and Induction Ceremony took place with lots of sun and clear skies on June 2. One-hundred-four new Fellows were inducted, and forty-seven other Fellows were recognized for reaching cumulative giving milestones. Over 350 people gathered in celebration of the 2007 event.

A "Fellow" is the highest non-academic honor that is bestowed by the College. The designation of Fellow is for a lifetime and entitles one to attend the annual induction ceremony and dinner, held on the first Saturday of June, and offers numerous benefits for access to College facilities and functions. Among the first Fellows of the College were President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The commitment to becoming a Fellow is \$2,000 pledged over a five-year period. Fellows, in recent history, have dedicated themselves to special fundraising projects of the College such as restoration of the stained glass windows in the Saint Joseph's Chapel; renovation of classrooms and laboratories in the Arts & Science Building; beautification of the Lourdes Grotto; benches for the Reflecting Pond, Chapel, and Core Plaza; and now, the Chapel Complex Endowment. Fellows dedicate themselves to raising the necessary funds for special projects and regularly go above and beyond their proposed goals. Currently, the Fellows are on a quest to raise \$1 million for the Chapel Complex Endowment.

Imelda Mangas, Rick Mangas, Janet Fortune

President Ernest R. Mills III and Mark, Erin, and Mia Slawikowski

To learn more about the Fellows program, contact Maureen Egan '90, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing, or Jake Chapman '96, College Fund Director, at (800) 227-1898.

Melvin Clites, retired Library Secretary/Periodicals Assistant Betty Clites, Reference/Assistant Librarian and Assistant Professor Dr. Jody Taylor Watkins, Professor of Political Science Dr. Peter Watkins, Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre Arts John Rahe, Assistant Professor in Communication Heidi Rahe

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## Fellows Cumulative Lifetime Giving Levels:

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Dan Paulsen '08

# Esposito Releases 2007 Football Schedule

SJC head football coach Lou Esposito, who is preparing for his third season as head coach at the College, has released the Pumas' 2007 game schedule. The Pumas are coming off an 8-3 season and the inaugural GLFC championship in 2006.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aug. 30	Grand Valley State	7:00 pm
Sept. 8	Wayne State (MI)	12:00 pm
Sept. 15	Butler	1:00 pm
Sept. 22	Indianapolis	12:00 pm
Sept. 29	Kentucky State	1:00pm
Oct. 6	Missouri-Rolla*	12:00 pm
Oct. 13	Tiffin*	1:30 pm
Oct. 20	Kentucky Wesleyan*	12:00pm
Oct. 27	West Chester (PA)	1:00 pm
Nov. 3	Central State*	12:00 pm
Nov.10	Lincoln (MO)*	12:00 pm
Bold denotes home games		
* denotes conference games		
All times local		

## Trio of Pumas Gear up for Summer Baseball

Three former SJC baseball players are in the midst of their professional seasons in the independent Frontier League.

Pitcher Eric Fussell '06 is set to begin his second professional season, having pitched for the Joliet Jackhammers of the independent Northern League last season. Fussell made 19 pitching appearances for the Jackhammers, including three starts, compiling a 1-1 record and a 3.42 earned-run average. He was traded in the offseason to the Frontier League's Windy City Thunderbolts, located in Crestwood, Illinois.

Also playing for the Thunderbolts this season will be catcher Mike Marshall '06, who signed with the team in March. Marshall started 133 games in four years at SJC, where he ranks ninth in career fielding percentage (.986). He was an Honorable Mention All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection as a senior. Fussell and Marshall both served as assistant coaches for Puma head coach Rick O'Dette '99 last season. SJC has a third alumnus working for the Thunderbolts in bench coach Mike Kashirsky '99.

First baseman Mike Victor '06, meanwhile, signed in November to be a part of the inaugural season for the Southern Illinois Miners, a Frontier League expansion team in Marion, Illinois. Victor batted .300 with 134 runs batted in during his four-year tenure at SJC, departing as the school career record holder in doubles (62), at-bats (676), games played (203), and games started (198). He was a four-year starter and a First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference and All-North Central Region selection in both 2005 and 2006.

The Frontier League consists of 12 teams throughout Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. The league's regular season begins in late May and runs through September. More information on the Frontier League can be found at [www.frontierleague.com](http://www.frontierleague.com).



# Track Teams Send 5 Athletes to National Championships

Five Saint Joseph's College track and field athletes qualified for the 2007 NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina.

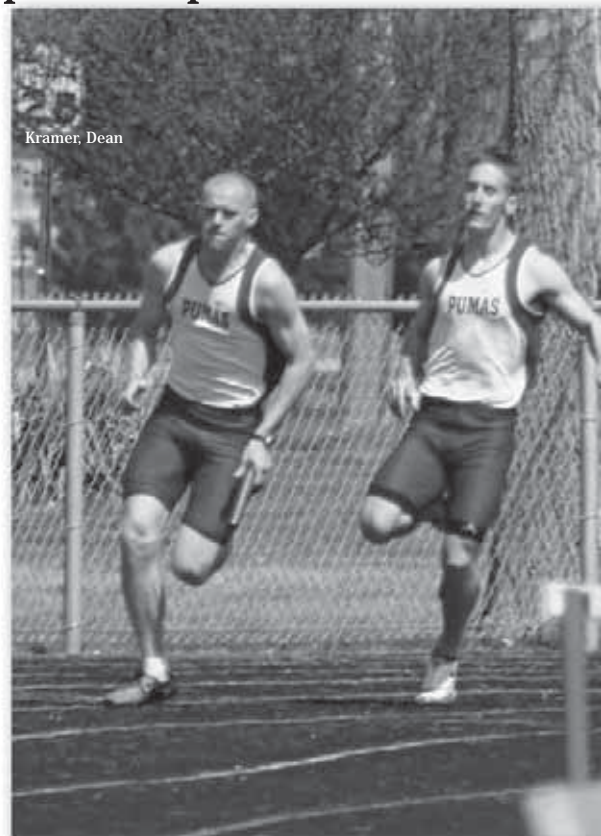
The five qualifiers are the most in a single season in head coach Bill Massoles '89's sixteen years in charge of the men's and women's track and field programs.

Four members of SJC's men's team were selected to compete in the championships, including Academic All-American Aaron Ruter '08, who was the only Puma to qualify in two events. Ruter was ranked 20th among 21 qualifiers in the discus throw (163'4") and 17th among 19 entrants in the hammer throw (183'6"). Teammate Kyle Lawson '08 also qualified for the hammer throw, ranking 12th (187'2").

Eric Kramer '07, Academic All-American, qualified 11th out of 20 competitors in the 110-meter hurdles (14.35 seconds) and Grant Dean '08 was 14th among 17 qualifiers in the long jump (24'1"). Dean finished 8th in the long jump and earned Academic All-American status.

The SJC women's team was represented by Academic All-American Allison Chappell '07, who tied for 18th out of 19 entrants in the high jump (5'7.25").

It is the first trip to the national championships for all of the athletes except Lawson, who qualified for the event last season.



Kramer, Dean



Marshall

# Class Notes

We regret the omission of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Reilly '55 from the list of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Capital Campaign contributors in the Spring 2007 issue of Contact.

David E. Cook '61 has been awarded the Dr. Marshall Parks Medal by the Children's Eye Foundation for service as its long-standing Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Dr. Parks is considered to be the "father" of pediatric ophthalmology in the United States. The Children's Eye Foundation is the Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus. The Foundation is dedicated to ensure that all children receive proper medical care and to eliminate preventable blindness in children. David is working to help families with tax planning and wealth management. He and his wife Hallie now have 12 grandchildren.

Paul J. Corsaro '65 has been named a Super Lawyer® for 2007 in the area of estate planning & probate. "Indiana Super Lawyers" is a joint project of Law & Politics Magazine and the Indianapolis Monthly. The Super Lawyer designation is limited to no more than 5% of the Bar who represent the very elite, according to peers. Corsaro concentrates his practice in helping families plan for their future with estate planning. He also has extensive experience in estate and trust administration, tax planning, business succession planning, charitable giving, guardianship, adoptions, and tax litigation. He received his Doctorate in Jurisprudence from the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1969 and was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1969 and the United States Tax Court in 1970. Corsaro also received his CPA certificate in 1968. He is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Council. He is a frequent speaker on taxation subjects and has made presentations in Advanced Estate Planning Techniques.

Joseph R. Thompson '67 has been the Head Basketball Coach at Trinity High School in Louisville, Kentucky, for 21 years. He was inducted into the Kentucky, Basketball Coaches Court of Honor in 2005 and the Louisville Metro Area Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Tim Seiler '68 has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Youth Institute (IYI). Seiler is Director of Public Service and The Fund Raising School, The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, Indianapolis. Also an assistant professor of philanthropic studies in the graduate program, he was voted outstanding part-time graduate instructor for the spring 2005 semester. Seiler was involved with the establishment of the Center on Philanthropy as a member of the Policy Advisory Committee and previously served as vice president of the Indiana University Foundation. The Indiana Youth Institute is a statewide nonprofit that promotes the healthy development of children and youth by serving the institutions and people of Indiana who work on their behalf.

Bob Seggerson '70, captain of the 1970 SJC basketball team, has coached Lima (Ohio) Central Catholic's basketball team for 27 years, and has won over 450 games.

Patrick J. Lally '74 has retired from the U.S. Navy, Reserve Component as a master chief petty officer after more than 30 years of service. As a Hospital Corpsman, most of his service has been in support of Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve operations. He has been recalled to active duty a number of times in recent years, including service during Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom. He wears the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Device.

Jack Halpin '65 has been the golf coach at St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois, for the past thirteen years. He and his team were the Runners Up (2nd place) in the IHSA Class AA State Finals in 2006. He said, "Having played golf for the Pumas for three varsity seasons, probably only Joe Campagna '65 could have made my high school team this year. Things have changed a lot over the years."





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J. Kevin McGrath '76 has been appointed as the next chief operating officer for Crowe Group LLP and Crowe Chizek and Company LLC. McGrath was the executive in charge of the firm's Financial Institutions Group. He will succeed Frank Arford, who has been named chief executive officer of Horwath International. McGrath began his new role on April 1, 2007. His new responsibilities will include oversight of the firm's specialized industry groups and the marketing, sales, and communications functions. McGrath also will be responsible for product and service research and development and the firm's internal support groups. Having been with Crowe for 30 years, he is a member of the Indiana CPA Society and has served as a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), National Banking Committee, and the AICPA Assurance Services Subcommittee on Performance Measurement. McGrath also has served two terms as a member of Crowe Chizek's Executive Committee and is currently a member of Crowe Chizek's Management Committee.

Christina J. Miller '85, Lake County Circuit Court Magistrate, is leaving the bench to re-enter private practice. Miller has accepted a partnership with Lucas, Holcomb and Medrea, a Merrillville law firm established in 1949. Miller was appointed to the bench on July 1, 1995. She served as the Family Court Magistrate for her first eight and a half years and moved to the Civil bench three years ago. She maintains a busy personal life being married to Ken Van Der Wey and enjoys raising their children, Jackie (9) and Andrew (5).

Michael Y. Scudder, Jr. '93 was recently appointed Associate Counsel to the President of the United States. He previously served as Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General in the United States Department of Justice.

John A. Tiedeman '98 graduated from Purdue University North Central in December 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies. He has also started his eighth year of employment with the LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center as a Youth Care Worker. He is planning to attend Indiana University South Bend to complete his master's degree in Public Affairs.

Dr. D. Makana Edwards '99 graduated from medical school in May 2006 and is currently a resident physician at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. He will be continuing his residency in Radiology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center beginning in July 2007. Makana and his wife, Kimberly (Grote) Edwards '99, have three children: Sarah-Ann (4), Makana, Jr. (2), and Audrey (1).

Amy (Winkel) Guyette '00 received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She has accepted the position of Librarian with Lincoln College of Technology in Indianapolis where she is starting up a new library.

Michael Gomez '01 has accepted an Account Supervisor position with Kinect, the interactive agency within Corbett Accel Healthcare Group.

Michael J. Beckner '04 was promoted to senior accountant at BKD, LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana. Beckner provides audit services primarily for financial institutions.

Randy Hoffman '04 has accepted a position with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining and Reclamation. He has recently relocated from northwestern Illinois to Terre Haute, Indiana.

Elizabeth Houston '03 recently purchased the Rensselaer franchise of H&R Block. Having worked for the corporation since 2003, she became a franchisee in November of 2006.

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## Engagements

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Katherine Conlon '02 to Nate Andrews. A July 21, 2007, wedding is planned.

Benjamin M. Zimmer '02 to Devin Ward. A September 2, 2007, wedding is planned.

## Marriages

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Susan H. Banner '96 to Ed Johnson, 2/25/06.

Michael C. Olson '96 to Dawn Doogan, 8/19/06.

Andrea M. Anderson '97 to Aaron C. Page, 11/25/06.

Mario DiRuzza '03 to Blair Reed, 2/10/07.

Jill Rebecca Ryan '03 to Philip Potts, 3/3/07.

Lea Heishman '04 to Michael Jernstrom, 3/31/07.

## Births

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Joseph M. "Joey" Galullo to Joseph '88 and Lisa Galullo, 2/19/07. Joey joins big sisters Sofia (2) and Angelina (5).

Thomas James Cooke to Michael J. '89 and Dina Cooke, 10/18/06.

Elaina Schreiner to Joseph and LeeAnn (Radivan) Schreiner '91, 8/10/06.

Keegan Lance Cabrera to Amado and Pam (Lisek) Cabrera '93, 8/7/06. Keegan joins big brothers Brendan (6) and Anthony (3).

Sam Osborn Reidenbach to Dave and Trish (Fledderjohn) Reidenbach '93, 4/25/06.

Kylie Lamarre to Sandy and Kim (Wilson) Lamarre '94, 6/8/06.

Alexandra Theresa Silic to Nicholas and Geri (Panozzo) Silic '95, 3/27/07. She joins big sister Abigail (2).

Holly Nicole Vis to Doug '95 and Michelle Vis, 12/21/06. Holly joins big sisters Alyssa (3) and Kara (1).

Emily Ann Culp to Eric and Elizabeth (Lieb) Culp '97, 1/4/07. Emily joins big brother Joseph (2).

Addison Lynne Nowaczyk to Darren '99 and Sarah (Szolosi) Nowaczyk '97, 4/24/06. Addison joins big brothers Chase (4) and Caden (2).

Jackson Gregory Ray to Kevin M. '98 and Molly J. (Chalik) Ray '00, 1/1/06. He joins big brother KJ (4).

Mia Wagner to Matthew '01 and Leticia (Santiago) Wagner '01, 3/14/07.

Brady Michael Clark to Chuck and Aimee (Rogers) Clark '02, 4/9/07.

Kyra Suzanne Raney to Noel '03 and Bethany (Lahrman) Raney '02, 4/16/07.

Brady Thomas Trennepohl to Josh and Kimberly (Hamel) Trennepohl '02, 2/7/07. Brady joins big brother Trey (1).

Corrin Kaleigh Combs to Micah '03 and Kari (Ortman) Combs '04, 4/4/07.

Kadence Adalynne Hoover to Leander J. '03 and Jamie Hoover, 3/29/07.

Madison Rae Graf to Scott and Beth (Morris) Graf '04, 2/7/07.





## Deaths

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Norman A. Culp, 11/03/06.

Katherine M. (Strain) Jauron, wife of former coach Robert Jauron, 2/3/07.

Gerald A. Kamm, 2/4/07.

SJC Fellow Gertrude (Kanne) Kellner, 4/8/07.

Evelyn Mandernach, mother of Barbara Drone, 7/18/06.

John R. (Jack) Nesbitt, 3/2/07.

Rev. Anthony Gamble, C.P.P.S. '36, 4/8/06.

Rev. Donald E. Hardebeck '41, 3/11/07.

Raymond M. Brennan '43, 8/29/02.

William T. Shine '43, 03/28/07, preceded by his wife, Dorothy, 10/24/03.

Rev. Austin Herrmann, C.P.P.S. '44, 1/18/07.

Rev. Joseph Pax, C.P.P.S. '47, date unknown.

Rev. Donald Isenbarger '51, 10/31/05.

Phyllis "Jean" McNerney, wife of Thomas L. McNerney '51, 11/27/06.

Raymond A. Isert '52, 1/16/07.

John B. Masturzo '52, 11/19/06.

Francis J. Cain '55, 2/16/06.

John A. Dennis '55, 1/1/98.

Richard J. Lewczynski '56, 4/16/07.

James J. Wright '56, 4/17/01.

Richard S. Bowman '57, 1/4/99.

Kevin B. Gallagher '57, 4/13/07.

John J. Lang, Jr. '57, 3/6/05.

James E. Station '57, 1/2/05.

Michael J. Murphy '59, 3/11/07.

John J. Quinn '60, 09/25/06.

Edwin L. Thomas '60, 9/4/06.

Patricia Noble, wife of John H. Noble '62, 1/22/06.

Hugh J. Martinelli, Jr. '63, 5/10/07.

Nancy (Sheaer) Myers, wife of James W. Myers '65, 4/9/07.

James A. Zene '65, 12/3/03.

Roger M. Padden '66, 02/16/07.

James J. Crawford '66, 10/15/06.

Dario M. Brezene '67, 4/7/07.

James J. Jankowski '67, 3/27/06.

Deacon Louis Recker '67, 12/24/06.

Peter J. McCauley '68, 9/16/06.

Betty J. Siegel, mother of Raymond J. Siegel '69 and Charles W. Siegel '79 and grandmother of Robert M. Siegel '05, 4/1/07.

Stan Koskey, husband of Jennifer (Singer) Koskey '71, 12/18/05.

Michael J. Krupiarz '71, 2/10/07.

Frank W. Reuwer '71, 3/6/07.

Terry L. Pearson, husband of JoAnn (Wappes) Pearson '80, 2/27/06.

Mildred E. Kreutzer, mother of Jane (Kreutzer Jankowski) Verbarg '81, 3/29/07.

Steven A. McAleer '82, 2/21/07.

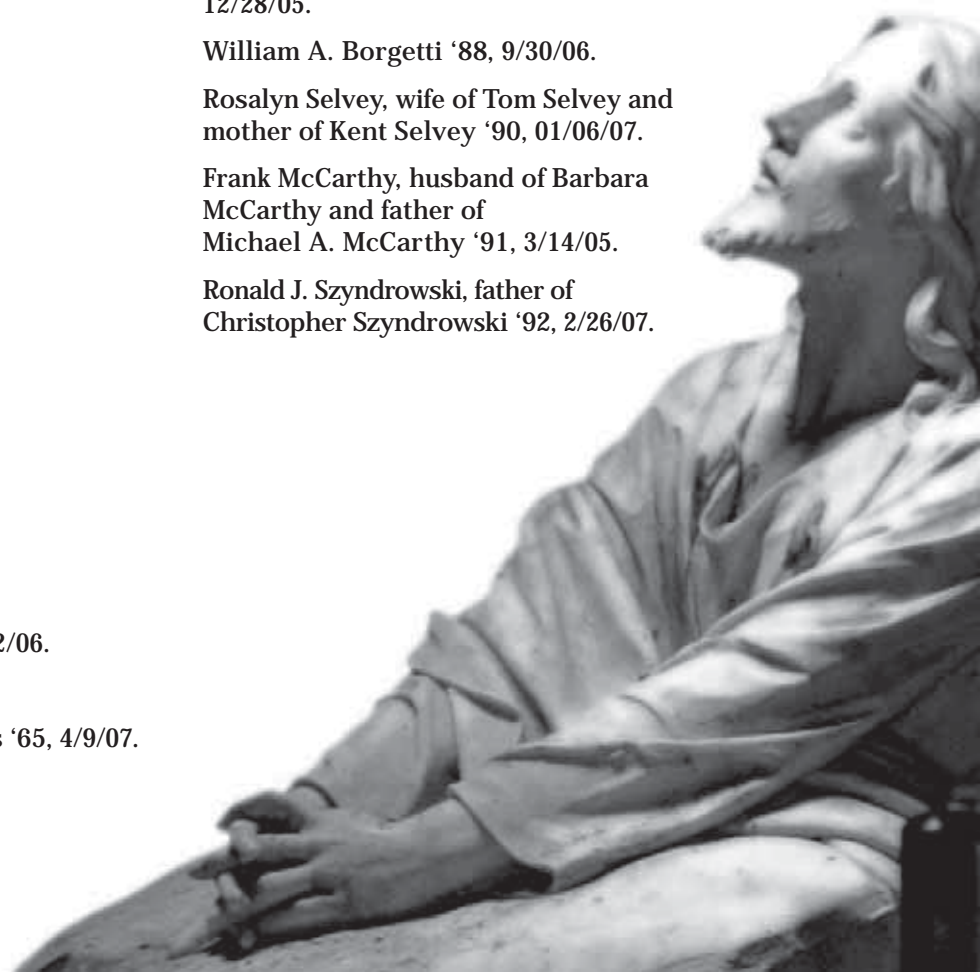
John DelCiello, husband of Rebecca (Wier) DelCiello '83, 12/28/05.

William A. Borgetti '88, 9/30/06.

Rosalyn Selvey, wife of Tom Selvey and mother of Kent Selvey '90, 01/06/07.

Frank McCarthy, husband of Barbara McCarthy and father of Michael A. McCarthy '91, 3/14/05.

Ronald J. Szyndrowski, father of Christopher Szyndrowski '92, 2/26/07.



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